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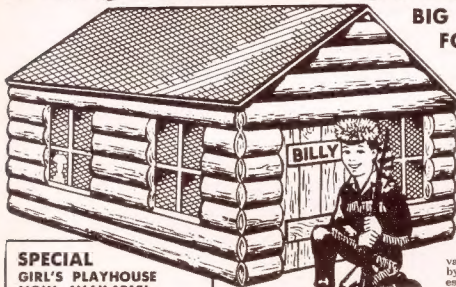
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GREAT SCOTT! I'M BEING ATTACKED BY THE WAX FIGURES OF THOSE I MOST ADMIRE... AND LOVE! NOW THEY, TOO, HAVE SUPER-POWERS! UNLESS I DESTROY THEM, THEY WILL DESTROY ME!

LOIS... MA KENT... JOR-EL! I COMMAND ALL OF YOU TO WIPE OUT SUPERMAN!

WHENEVER SUPERMAN WANTS TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL, HE RETIRES TO HIS SECRET SANCTUM, THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE, THE MOST GLAMOROUS HIDEAWAY IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE! BUT WAS THE FORTRESS ALWAYS HIDDEN IN THE ARCTIC? OR, LIKE ALMOST EVERYTHING ELSE CONNECTED WITH THE MAN OF STEEL, DOES HIS FORTRESS HAVE AN INCREDIBLE, LITTLE-KNOWN HISTORY? ASTOUNDING SURPRISES GALORE AWAIT YOU IN THIS SPELL-BINDING STORY OF THE WONDROUS PAST OF...

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ONE AMAZING DAY, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF METROPOLIS...

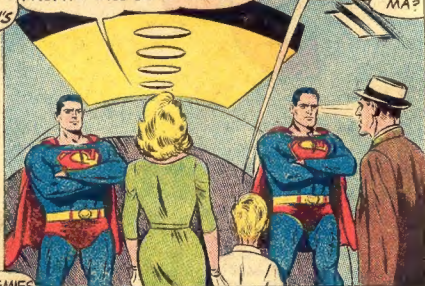
STEP RI-I-GHT THIS WAY, FOLKS! SEE THE ONE, THE ASTONISHING, SUPER-MAN FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!

GEE, MA! IS THIS REALLY SUPERMAN'S SECRET FORTRESS?



YES, ALVIN! SUPERMAN BROUGHT IT HERE FROM ITS SECRET LOCATION! HE IS PERSONALLY GUIDING PUBLIC TOURS THROUGH IT...AND ALL THE PROFITS WILL GO TO CHARITY!

WHY ARE THOSE TWO SUPERMAN ROBOTS ON GUARD, MA?



YOU MAY PASS!

SUPERMAN HAS MANY ENEMIES IN THE UNDERWORLD, AND THE ROBOTS ARE SCREENING ALL VISITORS WITH X-RAY VISION, TO MAKE SURE NOTHING DANGEROUS IS SMUGGLED IN WHICH CAN DAMAGE HIS FORTRESS!



ONE OF THE VISITORS MAKES A REQUEST...

SUPERMAN, I'M A WELDER, AND I COULD ONLY COME DURING MY LUCH HOUR! IS IT OKAY IF I EAT DURING THE TOUR?

IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT! JUST RELAX, AND ENJOY YOURSELF!



CHUCKLE! IMAGINE ME, TALKING TO THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN HIMSELF! WOULD YOU LIKE SOME COFFEE?

NO, BUT THANKS, ANYWAY!



TO THE HALL OF INTERPLANETARY MONSTERS!

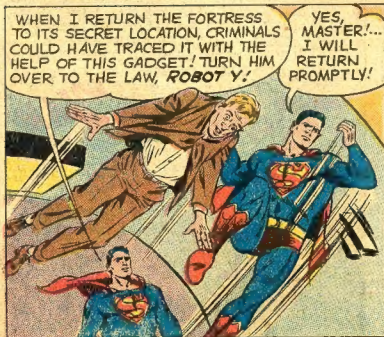
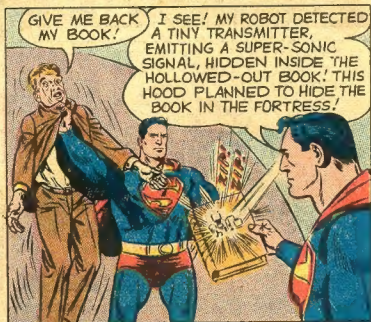
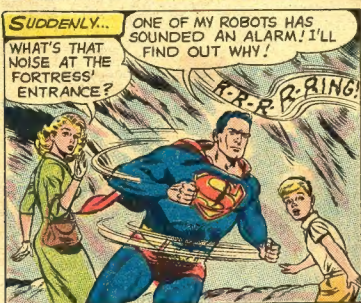
ANOTHER VISITOR ASKS FOR THE MAN OF STEEL'S AUTOGRAPH...

HAPPY TO OBLIGE!

I'M "BIG BOB" KRUGER, THE OIL MAN! HOW ABOUT YOUR AUTOGRAPH, SUPERMAN! YOU CAN USE MY PEN! BE SURE TO GIVE IT BACK. HA, HA!







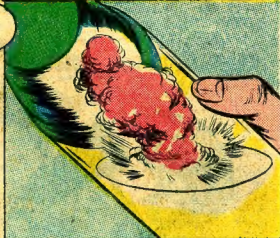
SWIFTLY, "BIG BOB" POURS THE INK FROM HIS FOUNTAIN PEN INTO THE OTHER MAN'S THERMOS BOTTLE...

AS THE "INK" COMBINES WITH THE COFFEE, A DEADLY GAS FORMS...

THIS WON'T SWEETEN YOUR COFFEE...

BUT IT WILL SURE KNOCK THE STUFFING OUT OF SUPER-MAN'S FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!

HA! HA!



I'LL HIDE THE THERMOS BOTTLE HERE! IF IT'S FOUND TOO SOON, I CAN SAY I ACCIDENTALLY FORGOT IT!

CHUCKLE! THE ROBOTS DIDN'T DETECT WHAT WE WERE UP TO, BECAUSE THE CHEMICALS IN THE INK AND IN THE COFFEE, WERE INDIVIDUALLY HARMLESS...

... BUT COMBINED, THE CHEMICALS FORM A GAS, WHICH WILL ERUPT INTO AN ATOMIC BLAST ONE HOUR FROM NOW!

JUST THE WAY OUR BOSS, THE CHIEF OF THE ANTI-SUPER-MAN GANG, PLANNED!



UNKNOWN TO THE SCHEMERS, THEY ARE BEING OBSERVED BY SCIENTISTS IN KANDOR CITY, THE TINY CITY IN THE BOTTLE RESTING ON A FORTRESS NICHE...

GASP! THEY'RE PLOTTING AGAINST THE FORTRESS!

WARN SUPERMAN!



I CAN'T GET THROUGH! OUR SUPER-SONIC SIGNAL IS JUST A JUMBLE OF STATIC!

IMPOSSIBLE!





MEANWHILE... **SUPERMAN** IS UNAWARE OF THE MENACE THAT THREATENS THE FORTRESS AND KANDOR CITY...



HIS THOUGHTS WINGING BACK, **SUPERMAN** RECALLS THE TIME HIS FORTRESS HAD EXISTED IN OUTER SPACE, DISGUISED AS A METEOR...



THEN, ONE DAY, INSIDE THE METEOR FORTRESS...



AND AS THE SPACE-CLOUD HAD ENGULFED THE SATELLITE OF SOLITUDE...

SOME OF THE CLOUD HAS PENETRATED THE SHIP, DEFYING SCIENCE! I... FEEL A SENSE OF... DREAD... AS THOUGH SOMETHING... TERRIBLE... IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN... IS IT... JUST A CASE OF... NERVES?



NO, SUPERMAN... IT IS NOT NERVES! I AM URKO THE TERRIBLE, A CLOUD-INTELLIGENCE! I HATE ALL OTHER FORMS OF LIFE... INCLUDING YOU!

YOU'RE... EVIL! GET OUT! GREAT GUNS! YOU'RE AS HARD TO GRASP AS SMOKE!



YOU HAVE MET YOUR MATCH, SUPERMAN! PREPARE TO DIE, NOW, AT THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO MEAN THE MOST TO YOU! I HAVE GIVEN THEM SUPER-POWERS AS GREAT AS YOURS.



GOOD GRIEF! URKO HAS CAUSED THE WAX DUMMIES IN MY TROPHY ROOM TO COME TO LIFE!



DEATH TO SUPERMAN!

DESTROY HIM!

WIPE HIM OUT!

BRAVO URKO!

I KNOW THEY'RE ONLY SUPER-DUMMIES, ANIMATED BY THE SPACE-CLOUD'S EVIL INTELLIGENCE... BUT I HAVEN'T THE HEART TO FIGHT EVEN THE DUMMIES OF LOIS... JIMMY... PERRY... MA AND PA KENT... JOR-EL AND LARA!



MEANWHILE...

WHAT AN ODD CREATURE!
A TINY FLAME-MAN! IS
IT ALIVE, SUPERMAN?

NO, I FASHIONED
IT IN MEMORY OF AN
ADVENTURE THAT
HAPPENED LONG AGO!
SORRY... I DON'T WANT
TO TELL THE STORY
BEHIND THIS TROPHY,
EITHER!



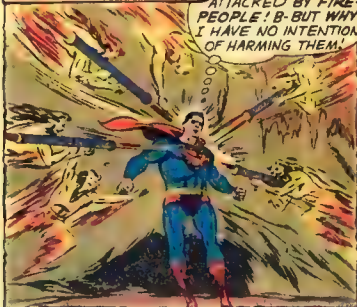
YES, SUPERMAN WON'T TALK... BUT HIS MEMORY
RECREATES THE TIME HE HAD TRANSPORTED HIS
FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE INTO THE CENTER OF
THE EARTH...

SURELY, I'LL FIND PEACE
AND QUIET, HERE! AND THIS
LOCATION FOR MY FORTRESS
SHOULD BE SAFER THAN
OUTER SPACE!



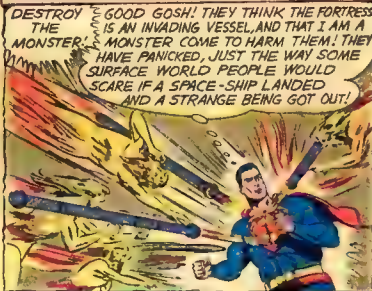
GUESS AGAIN, SUPERMAN!

GOOD GRIEF! I'M
ATTACKED BY FIRE-
PEOPLE! B-BUT WHY?
I HAVE NO INTENTION
OF HARMING THEM!

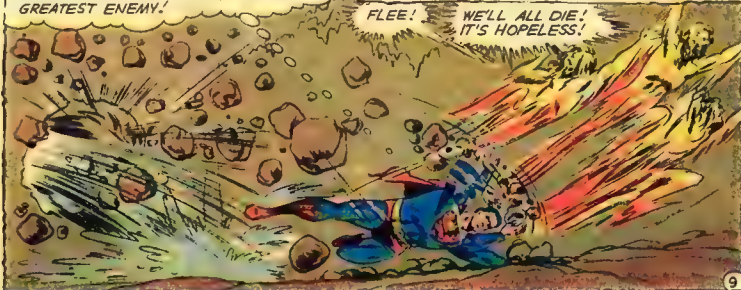


AND THEN, THE MAN OF STEEL HAD PICKED UP
HIS WEIRD ATTACKERS' TELEPATHIC SHOUTS...

GOOD GOSH! THEY THINK THE FORTRESS
IS AN INVADING VESSEL, AND THAT I AM A
MONSTER! MONSTER COME TO HARM THEM! THEY
HAVE PANICKED, JUST THE WAY SOME
SURFACE WORLD PEOPLE WOULD
SCARE IF A SPACE-SHIP LANDED
AND A STRANGE BEING GOT OUT!



THE FIRE-BOMBS OPENED A FISSURE AND
AN UNDERGROUND STREAM IS GUSHING
THROUGH! WATER IS THE FIRE-PEOPLE'S
GREATEST ENEMY!



FLEE!

WE'LL ALL DIE!
IT'S HOPELESS!



ACTING SWIFTLY, SUPERMAN HAD HOLLOWED OUT A GREAT CREVICE...

HE DIVERTED THE WATER AWAY FROM US! THE MONSTER SAVED OUR LIVES!

HE IS NO MONSTER! HE IS... A FRIEND...



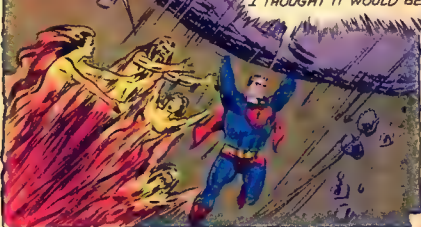
NO! DON'T GO, MONSTER... I MEAN, FRIEND! WE MADE A MISTAKE, AND WE ARE SORRY! STAY!!

SO LONG, FOLKS! I DON'T MIND YOUR FIERY TEMPER... IT'S JUST THAT THE CENTER OF THE EARTH ISN'T AS PEACEFUL AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE!

BACK IN THE PRESENT, AS SUPERMAN'S ENEMIES BECOME ANXIOUS...

YOU'VE GLOATED ENOUGH! IF WE DON'T REJOIN THE OTHERS RIGHT AWAY, OUR ABSENCE MAY BE NOTICED!

OKAY! OKAY!



SOON, AFTER THE CRIMINALS REJOIN THE OTHER VISITORS...

THAT FINISHES THE TOUR, FOLKS! GLAD YOU CAME!

YOU WON'T BE SO GLAD, AFTER YOUR PRECIOUS FORTRESS BLOWS TO SMITHEREENS!



AND IN THE TINY CITY WITHIN THE BOTTLE...

WE MUST TRY AGAIN TO CONTACT SUPERMAN!

NO USE TRYING! THE STATIC FROM THE RAINBOW JEWEL HAS RUINED OUR ONLY CHANCE! ONLY A LEAD BARRIER CAN BLOCK ITS RADIATIONS!



MEANWHILE, UNAWARE OF THE DESPERATE, UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO CONTACT HIM, SUPERMAN LOCKS THE FORTRESS...

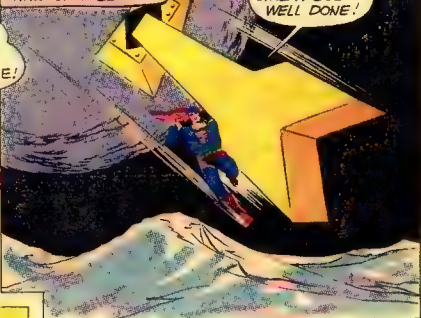
SUPERMAN, YOUR UNIQUE EXHIBIT HAS EARNED MILLIONS FOR CHARITY! AS MAYOR OF METROPOLIS, I THANK YOU FOR THE ENTIRE CITY!

ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP A GOOD CAUSE!



BACK TO THE ARCTIC FLIES THE MAN OF STEEL...

NOTHING LIKE A JOB WELL DONE!



MEANWHILE, AT THE ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG HIDEOUT...

WATCH THE SEISMOGRAPH NEEDLE, BOYS! WHEN THE NEEDLE JUMPS, IT WILL MEAN THERE'S BEEN AN ATOMIC EXPLOSION THAT HAS WIPED OUT SUPERMAN'S BELOVED FORTRESS! IT WILL TAKE HIM YEARS TO REPLACE IT!



EYES GLEAMING LIKE PREDATORY BEASTS, THE GANGLER AND HIS MEN WAIT BREATHLESSLY...

THIS SUSPENSE... IS MURDER!

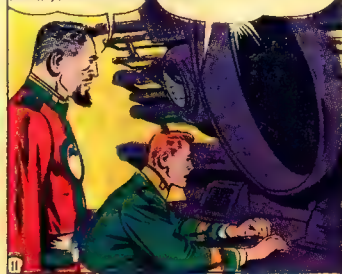
SHUT UP, AND WATCH THAT NEEDLE!



DOOM OVERHANGS KANDOR CITY!

LET'S TRY AGAIN, MARS-OL!

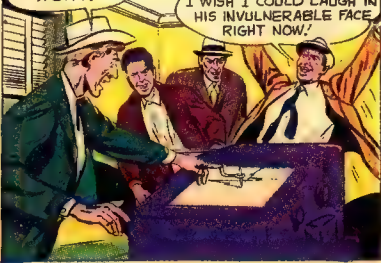
IT'S USELESS, RA-HO, BUT... ALL RIGHT...

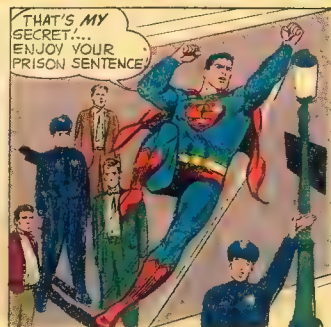
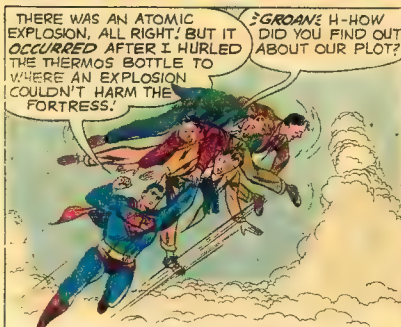


A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

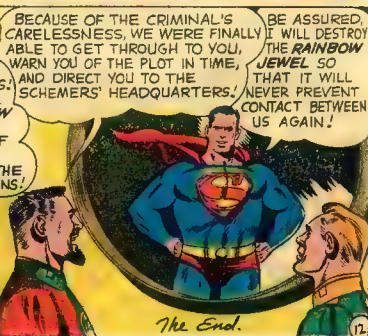
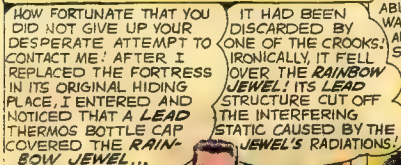
LOOK AT THAT NEEDLE JUMP! WOW!!

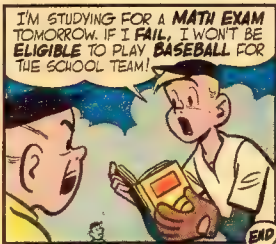
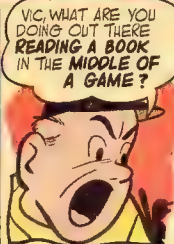
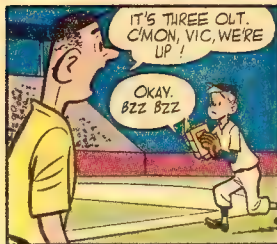
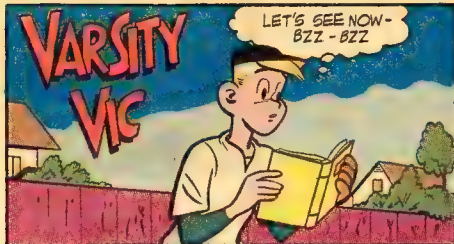
I DID IT! I DID IT!!! I'VE DESTROYED SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE! HA! HA HA! I WISH I COULD LAUGH IN HIS INVULNERABLE FACE RIGHT NOW!





LATER...IN HIS FORTRESS, SUPERMAN COMMUNICATES WITH KANDOR CITY'S SCIENTISTS...





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METROPOLIS MAILBAG



Dear Editor:

In the story, "Supergirl's Farewell to Earth", Supergirl was exiled to an asteroid. While she was there, she said: "What a dreary little world, even though it has air and vegetation. . ." Now, an elementary study of astronomy will show that all the asteroids are barren wastelands which have no atmosphere and no life. Thus, how do you get air and vegetation, as well as a two-headed songbird, food plants, etc., on an asteroid? —Michael Gilson, New York, N. Y.

(Your point is well taken. However, if this particular asteroid consisted of elements with a very heavy density, its mass could very possibly attract and hold a rarefied atmosphere. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

The reason why SUPERMAN has super-powers on Earth is because Earth is much smaller than Krypton. Yet you often show SUPERMAN on the sun, or flying through it, able to do so because of his super-powers. How could he have super-powers on the sun which is probably bigger than Krypton? Please explain this. —Dennis Hersh, W. Hartford, Conn.

(You'll find the explanation as to the source of SUPERMAN's powers in the next issue of ACTION COMICS, in a story entitled, "SUPERGIRL's Greatest Victory. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

The proof that the editors have brains is the fact that they made SUPERGIRL a cousin of SUPERMAN, thereby saving thousands of readers from writing in and suggesting or demanding that SUPERMAN and SUPERGIRL get married and wanting to know the time and place of the wedding —John McGeehan, Santa Ana, Calif.

(Right, John. But aren't you overlooking the main reason why there can never be a romance between the two? Superman is old enough to be Supergirl's father. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In your Linda Lee adventure entitled "Supergirl's Exile From Earth", you depict KRYPTO the super-dog delivering a note to the Girl of Steel on her asteroid of exile. Why didn't the note burn up from the friction as KRYPTO flew through the air? —Jeff Menkes, Newark, N. J.

(Because KRYPTO is a clever canine and kept the note, insulated from friction, in his mouth. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In your September issue, in the story, "The Superman of the Future", didn't the driver of the president's car get blown up in the explosion? —Ann and Frank Minter, Albany, Ga.

(The story clearly stated that SUPERMAN had replaced the chauffeur of the President's car with a dummy robot prior to the explosion. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I enjoy all your "Congorilla" stories. But in the story, "The Man-Ape Skin-Diver", I think you made a boo-boo. You showed two octopuses trying to kill Congorilla. But octopuses don't live in jungle rivers. —Ronnie Zaccandi, Pocatello, Idaho.

(These critters must have been a pair of runaways from the ocean. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

My mother lets me buy only D.C. comics. I enjoy them very much, but in your November issue SUPERGIRL said the cave of icicles was bitter cold. How could she have felt it if she was invulnerable? Please explain this. —Penny Koch, Lake Zurich, Ill.

(This was more of an observation of fact rather than a confession of vulnerability. It's like the pilot of a jet plane six miles up telling someone that it's bitter cold at that altitude. He doesn't feel the coldness, but he is aware of it. It's the same with SUPERGIRL. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In your Nov. issue you show a picture of the Colossus of Rhodes. But, according to my encyclopedia, it was destroyed in 224 B.C. by an earthquake. Explain why. —John Koch, Chicago, Ill.

(We didn't say this was the ORIGINAL Colossus. It was a reconstruction; there have been numerous reconstructions of this great statue ever since it was first destroyed. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I like SUPERGIRL stories very much. Why can't you have a whole magazine of SUPERGIRL stories? —Billy Henley, Hartford City, Ind.

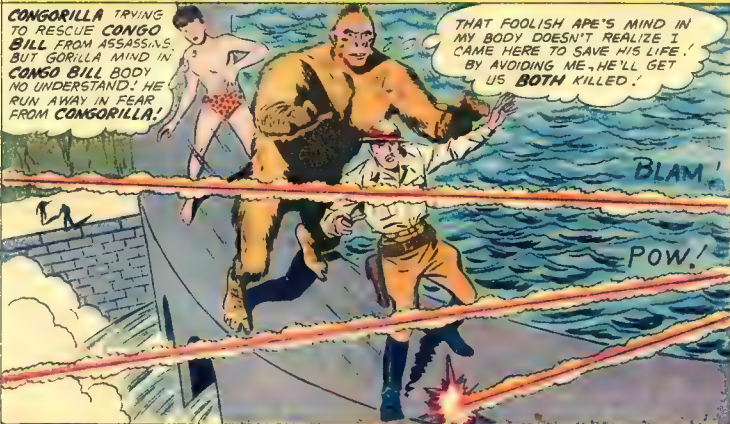
(You'll be happy to learn that, beginning with the next issue, half the contents of ACTION COMICS will be devoted to SUPERMAN, the other half to SUPERGIRL. CONGORILLA will henceforth appear in ADVENTURE COMICS. —Ed.)

CONGORILLA

ONLY IN A NIGHTMARE WOULD CONGO BILL DREAM OF SWITCHING TO HIS SECRET IDENTITY AS CONGORILLA WITH A HUNDRED PEOPLE LOOKING ON! YET THIS NIGHTMARE ACCIDENTALLY OCCURS ONE DAY WHEN CONGO BILL IS IN DIRE PERIL AND NEEDS THE HANDICAP OF AN APE'S MIND LIKE A HOLE IN THE HEAD! CAN CONGO BILL PROTECT HIS IDENTITY AND HIS LIFE WHEN ALL ODDS ARE EMBARRASSINGLY AGAINST HIM? THAT IS THE FEARFUL QUESTION THE AMAZING MAN-APE CONGORILLA, ASKS HIMSELF AS HE RACES TO THE FAMED HUNTER'S RESCUE IN...

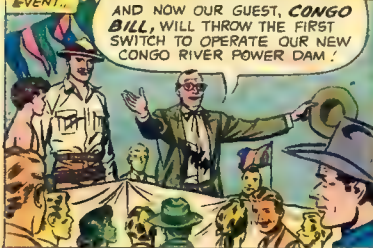
CONGORILLA'S LAST STAND!

CONGORILLA TRYING TO RESCUE CONGO BILL FROM ASSASSINS, BUT GORILLA MIND IN CONGO BILL BODY NO UNDERSTAND! HE RUN AWAY IN FEAR FROM CONGORILLA!

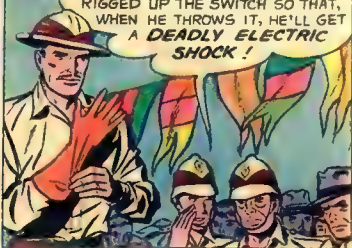


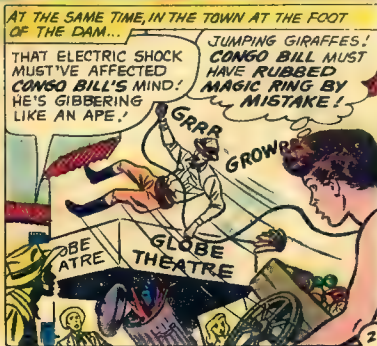
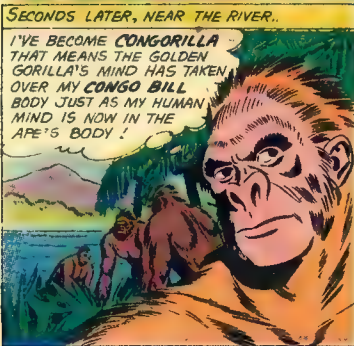
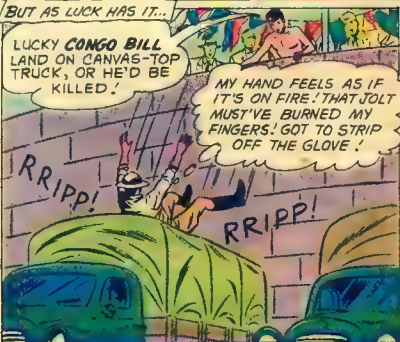
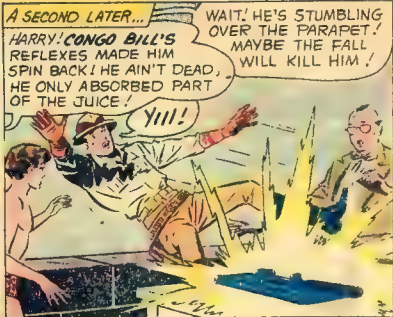
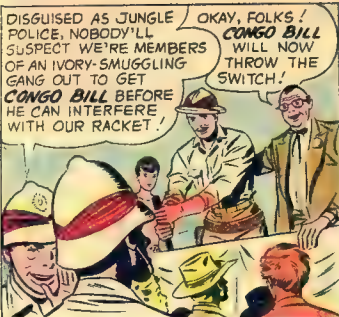
ONE AFTERNOON, AS CONGO BILL AND HIS JUNGLE PAL, JANU, TAKE PART IN AN IMPORTANT EVENT...

AND NOW OUR GUEST, CONGO BILL, WILL THROW THE FIRST SWITCH TO OPERATE OUR NEW CONGO RIVER POWER DAM!



HA, HA! WE GAVE HIM A PAIR OF PHONY RUBBER GLOVES... AND RIGGED UP THE SWITCH SO THAT, WHEN HE THROWS IT, HE'LL GET A DEADLY ELECTRIC SHOCK!



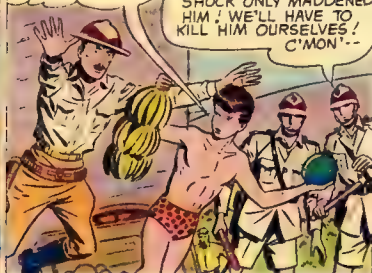


GOLDEN GORILLA'S BRAIN NOW IN MY MASTER'S BODY... HE RAGES LIKE MAD ANIMAL...I MUST LURE HIM AWAY FROM TOWN WITH FRUIT!



CONGO BILL!
SEE NICE FRUIT!
COME AND GET IT!

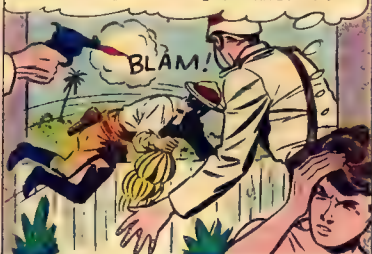
HARRY! THE FOOL IS CHASING AFTER THE KID'S FRUIT! THE SHOCK ONLY MADDENED HIM! WE'LL HAVE TO KILL HIM OURSELVES! C'MON!--



PRESENTLY... THAT'S IT, HARRY! CLUB THE KID WHILE I BLAST **CONGO BILL!** WE'LL CLAIM THAT OUR WARNING SHOTS "ACCIDENTALLY" KILLED HIM! AFTER ALL, WHO'D SUSPECT THE **POLICE** OF DOING WRONG?



T-HEY **NOT** JUNGLE POLICE! THEY WEAR POLICE COSTUMES TO AVOID SUSPICION WHILE HUNTING MY MASTER! BUT JANU HURT NOW! C-CANNOT SAVE MASTER!



MEANWHILE, UP THE RIVER...

ACCORDING TO THE SPELL, I CAN'T SWITCH BACK TO MY **CONGO BILL** BODY BY RUBBING THE **GORILLA'S** MAGIC RING FOR AT LEAST **ONE HOUR!** THUS, FOR SIXTY MINUTES, MY **CONGO-RILLA** SECRET WILL BE IN DANGER AS **CONGO BILL** RUNS BERSERK BEFORE WITNESSES!

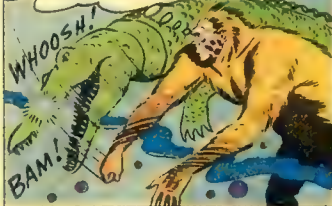


I MUST RETURN TO THE DAM AND KIDNAP MY OWN BODY AND HIDE IT TILL THE HOUR PASSES! HMM! THAT OLD RIVERBOAT HAS A LIFEBOAT! BUT SOMETHING FUNNY IS HAPPENING! RIVER PIRATES ARE TRYING TO HIJACK IT!



SHORTLY, AS CONGORILLA SWIMS UNDER-WATER...

GO AWAY, CROCODILE! I'VE GOT TO STEER A SHIP WHERE IT DOESN'T WANT TO GO!



MOMENTS AFTER...

A FIRM TWIST AND PULL ON THE RUDDER... AND THE SHIP GETS NO FURTHER THAN YONDER SAND BAR!



SOON, ABOARD THE BOAT...

WAIT! A GORILLA IS CLIMBING ABOARD! W-WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?

IGOR, WE CAN'T MOVE! WE MUST'VE HIT A SAND BAR!



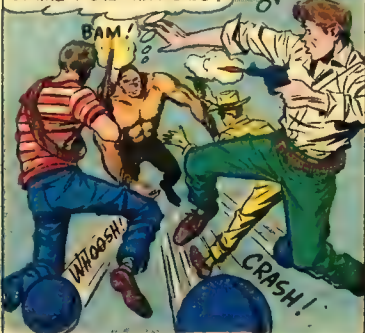
WHO KNOWS? HE'S A WILD BEAST WHO CAN HARM US! KILL HIM!

GOT TO ACT FAST BEFORE THEY SHOOT ME! I'M LUCKY THIS OLD SHIP STILL USES CANNON BALLS TO REPEL ATTACKERS!



NO BOWLER EVER NEEDED A TEN STRIKE MORE THAN I DO!

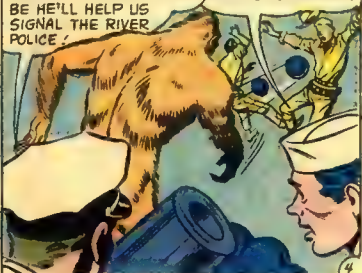
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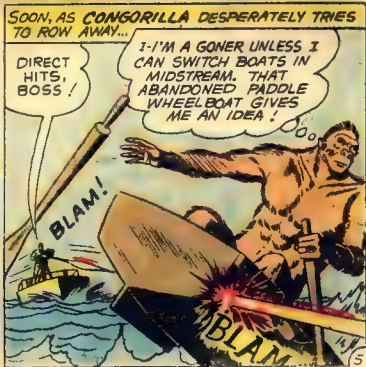
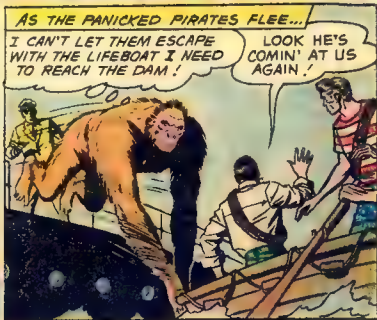
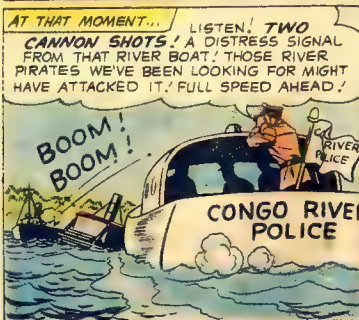
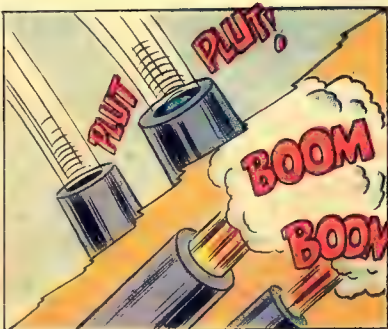
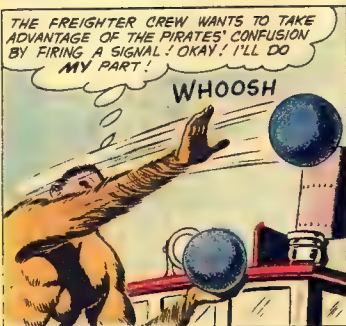


SUDDENLY, AS THE VESSEL'S CREW RECOGNIZES THE BOWLER...

THAT'S CONGORILLA—THE APE WHO HELPS PEOPLE IN NEED! MAYBE HE'LL HELP US SIGNAL THE RIVER POLICE!

CONGORILLA! THROW US TWO CANNON BALLS... FOR OUR CANNONS!



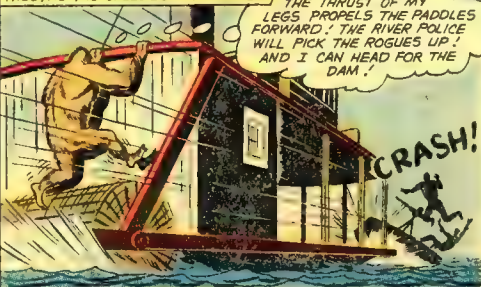


MINUTES LATER, AS CONGORILLA REACHES THE PADDLE-WHEELER...

I-I'LL USE MY BRUTE POWER TO ROTATE THE PADDLE-WHEEL! I WANT THIS SHIP IN **MOTION** WHEN THE SPEEDBOAT MAKES ANOTHER PASS AT ME!



THUS, AS THE SPEEDBOAT ATTACKS...



THE THRUST OF MY LEGS PROPELS THE PADDLES FORWARD! THE RIVER POLICE WILL PICK THE ROGUES UP! AND I CAN HEAD FOR THE DAM!

PRESENTLY, AT THE DAM...

THOSE IVORY THIEVES I WAS TRAILING ARE DISGUISED AS JUNGLE POLICE! THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL MY **CONGO BILL BODY**! I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!



SECONDS AFTER...

THIS HUGE SPOOL ISN'T "LIVE" LIKE THAT SWITCH THE ROGUES PROBABLY RIGGED UP TO ELECTROCUTE ME! BUT THIS'LL **SHOCK 'EM**, ANYWAY!



THEN...

NOW I'LL NEED A LASSO! SO... I'LL CUT A LENGTH OF CABLE, AND MAKE A STEEL LARIAT!



SOON...

I-I CAN'T SQUIRM OUT!

GOT 'EM! NOW BEFORE **CONGO BILL** GETS INTO DEEPER TROUBLE, I'LL CAPTURE HIM AND CLIMB DOWN THE DAM WALL!



BUT AS CONGORILLA SEIZES THE HUNTER...

T-THE DAM JUST WENT INTO OPERATION! THEY'RE TRAPPED, HARRY! OPEN FIRE!

T-THE ONLY DIRECTION I CAN GO IS DOWN BUT HE'LL NEVER SURVIVE IN THE TORRENT BELOW!



SUDDENLY...

CONGORILLA BECAME GORILLA AGAIN! CONGO BILL PUSH HIM INTO WATER! BUT HOW CONGORILLA SWITCH BACK? I NO SEE HIM RUB MAGIC RING!

NOW TO WING THOSE VULTURES!



LATER, AS HELP ARRIVES...

PSST... MASTER! ME SEE CONGORILLA HOLD YOU! HE HOLD LEDGE! HE HAVE NO FREE HAND TO RUB RING! SO HOW YOU MAKE SWITCH?

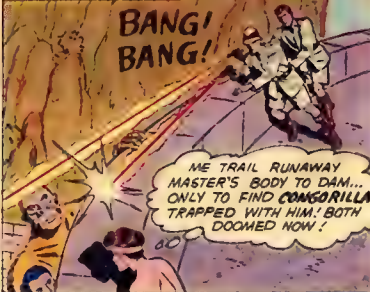
THOSE CROOKS DID IT, JANU! WHEN THEY SHOT AT ME, A STRAY BULLET ACCIDENTALLY GRAZED THE RING AND RETURNED MY HUMAN MIND TO MY HUMAN BODY!



AS JANU ARRIVES...

BANG! BANG!

WE TRAIL RUNAWAY MASTER'S BODY TO DAM... ONLY TO FIND CONGORILLA TRAPPED WITH HIM! BOTH DOOMED NOW!



OWW! M-MY ARM!

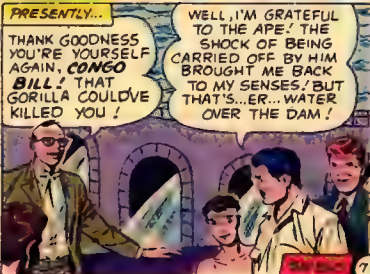
GOT 'EM! AND THE GORILLA CAN EASILY MAKE SHORE! ONLY AN INTELLIGENT CONGO BILL COULDN'T SAVED HIMSELF IN THIS SPOT! THE APE'S THICK FINGER COULD NEVER HAVE FIT INSIDE MY REVOLVER'S TRIGGER GUARD!

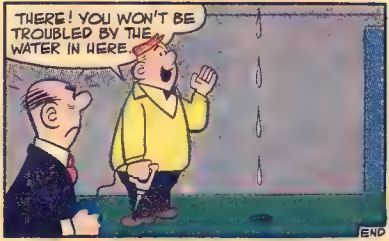
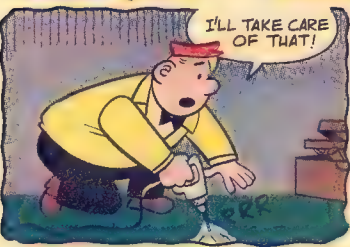
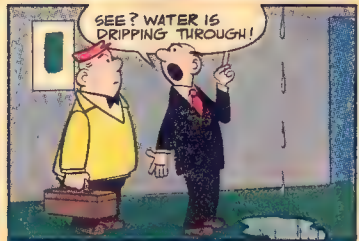
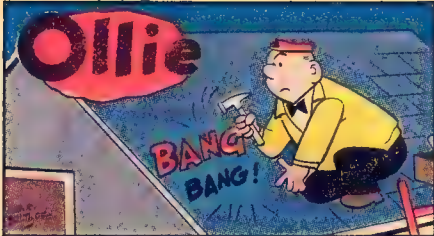


PRESENTLY...

THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE YOURSELF AGAIN, CONGO BILL! THAT GORILLA COULDN'T KILLED YOU!

WELL, I'M GRATEFUL TO THE APE! THE SHOCK OF BEING CARRIED OFF BY HIM BROUGHT ME BACK TO MY SENSES! BUT THAT'S...ER...WATER OVER THE DAM!





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SUPER-ATTRACTIONS!



SUPERGIRL

HEAVENS! MY PET CAT STREAKY HAS TURNED INTO A SUPER-CAT, AND IS SAVING THOSE CHICKS FROM A KILLER EAGLE!

SUPERGIRL IS THE MOST POWERFUL GIRL IN THE ENTIRE WORLD, BUT JUST LIKE ANY OTHER BOY OR GIRL, SHE WOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO HAVE A CUTE LOVABLE PET! WELL, ONE DAY, SUPERMAN'S COUSIN, LINDA (SUPERGIRL) LEE, ACTUALLY DOES GET A PET OF HER OWN! BUT WHAT A PET! YOU'RE SURE TO FALL IN LOVE WITH...

SUPERGIRL'S SUPER PET!

EARLY ONE EVENING, AT THE MIDVALE ORPHANAGE...

HOW SPECTACULAR THAT METEOR-SHOWER LOOKS... ALMOST LIKE FIREWORKS!

HMM... MY TELESCOPIC VISION SEES A KRYPTONITE METEOR AMONG THE OTHER METEORS!

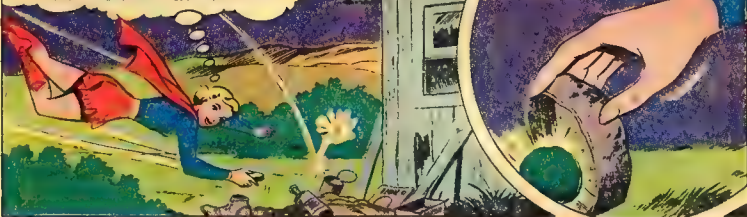
QUITELY SLIPPING AWAY FROM THE OTHERS, LINDA LEE REMOVES HER DARK WIG, AND CHANGES TO THE SECRET COSTUME OF SUPERGIRL, THEN...

I WANT THAT METEOR!

SUPER-SPEED ENABLES SUPERGIRL TO REACH THE KRYPTONITE METEOR THE EXACT MOMENT IT STRIKES EARTH...

FRICION WITH THE AIR HAS REDUCED IT TO ABOUT THE SIZE OF A MARBLE! ITS RADIATIONS WOULD PAIN ME TERRIBLY, IF I TOUCHED IT! WAIT! THIS DISCARDED, OLD LEAD COMPACT CAN HELP ME!

I'LL CRUSH THE COMPACT ABOUT THE KRYPTONITE! THE LEAD WILL PROTECT ME FROM THE PAINFUL RADIATIONS!

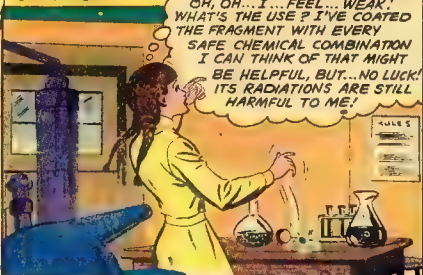


HMM... I'VE GOT AN IDEA HOW I CAN DO SUPERMAN AND MYSELF A BIG FAVOR! I'LL EXPERIMENT WITH THIS KRYPTONITE! PERHAPS I CAN DISCOVER AN ANTIDOTE THAT WILL PROTECT US BOTH FROM THE MENACE OF KRYPTONITE!



NEXT DAY, IN A SMALL CHEMICAL LABORATORY IN THE ORPHANAGE...

OH, OH... I... FEEL... WEAK! WHAT'S THE USE? I'VE COATED THE FRAGMENT WITH EVERY SAFE CHEMICAL COMBINATION I CAN THINK OF THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL, BUT... NO LUCK! ITS RADIATIONS ARE STILL HARMFUL TO ME!

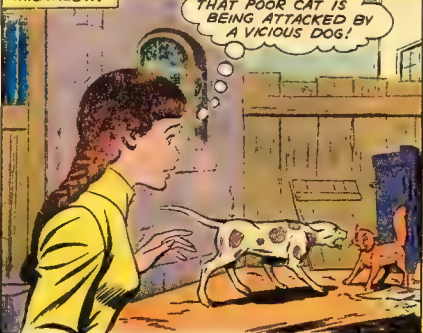


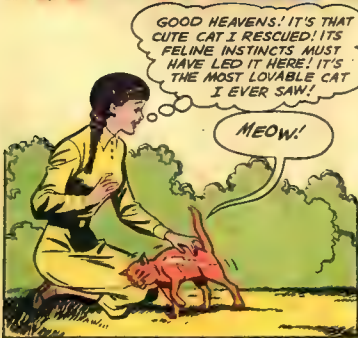
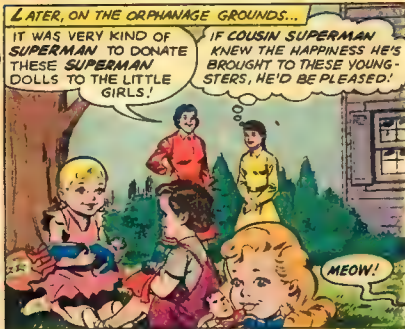
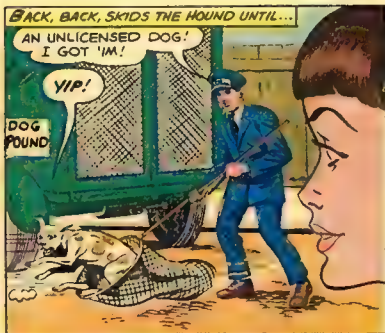
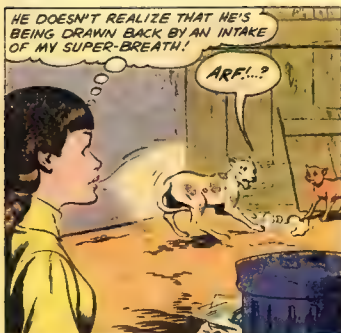
AND SO... TOO BAD THE EXPERIMENT FAILED! I'LL GET RID OF THE KRYPTONITE BY SUPER-TOSSING IT INTO THE WOODS, WHILE NO ONE IS LOOKING!

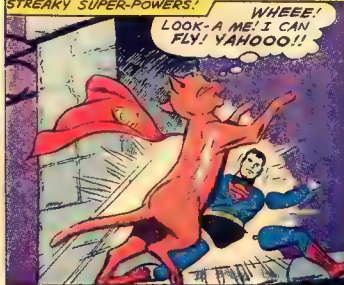
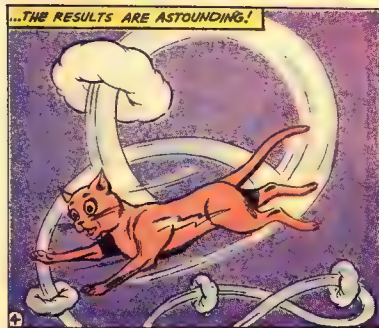
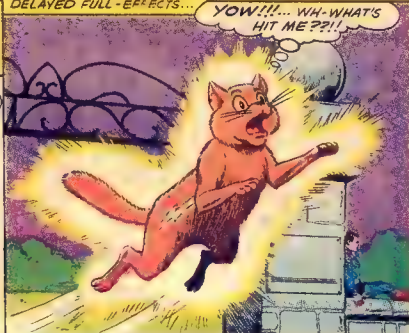
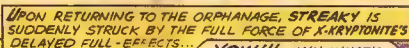
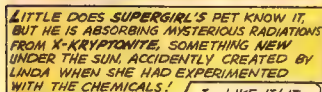
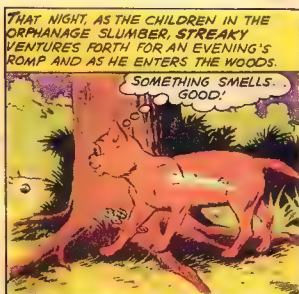
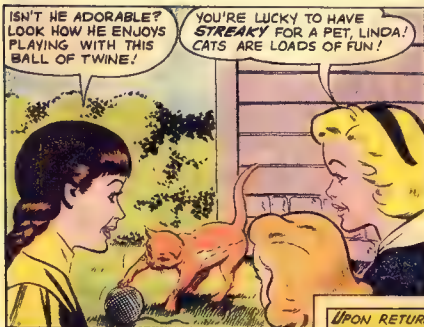


LATER, AS LINDA COMPLETES AN ERRAND IN MIDVALE...

THAT POOR CAT IS BEING ATTACKED BY A VICIOUS DOG!







AS STREAKY ROCKETS THROUGH THE AIR, THE CAPE FROM THE SHATTERED SUPERMAN DOLL DROPS DOWN OVER HIS HEAD, SNUGLY INTO PLACE!

GET ME, I'M A SUPER-CAT!
GEE, IF ONLY SOME OF MY OLD
PALS COULD SEE ME NOW! I FEEL
SUPER-STRONG!! I'LL BET THERE'S
HARDLY ANYTHING I CAN'T DO!
YIPEEEEE!



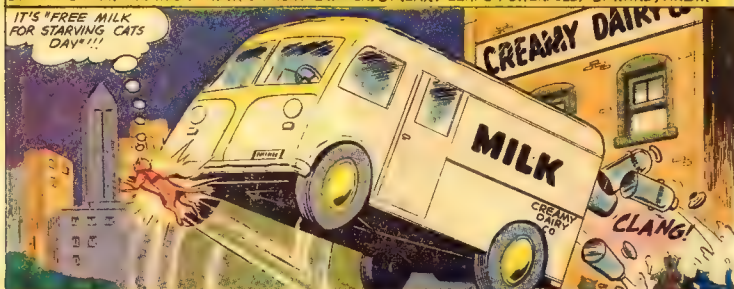
THROUGH THE SKY WHIZZES THE MIGHTIEST CAT OF THEM ALL...

AW-WWWW, LOOK AT
THOSE SKINNY ALLEY-CATS! THEY
LOOK HALF-STARVED, POOR THINGS!
HEY!! I JUST GOT A GREAT IDEA!

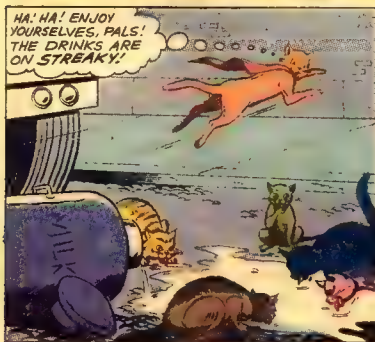


ZIPPING UNDER THE MILK-TRUCK'S FRONT BUMPER, STREAKY LEAPS POWERFULLY UPWARD, AND...

IT'S "FREE MILK
FOR STARVING CATS
DAY"!!!



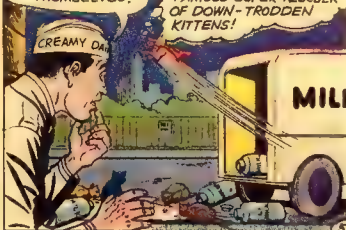
HA! HA! ENJOY
YOURSELVES, PALS!
THE DRINKS ARE
ON STREAKY!



DELIGHTED WITH HIS GOOD DEED, STREAKY
SPEEDS OFF.

IMPOSSIBLE! THOSE CATS
COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE
TIPPED OVER THOSE
HEAVY MILK-CANS,
THEMSELVES!

SAY, I COULD MAKE
A CAREER OUT OF
THIS! I COULD
BECOME STREAKY
THE SUPER CAT,
FAMOUS SUPER-RESCUER
OF DOWN-TRODDEN
KITTENS!



SOON, THE MIGHTIEST CAT IN THE WORLD COMES FACE-TO-FACE WITH A FOE...

UHP! H-HE'S LOOKING FOR TROUBLE!

WELL, WELL! LOOK WHO'S HERE! A RUNTY CAT, WEARING A FANCY CAPE! I DON'T LIKE DUDES!



FRANTICALLY OVERWHELMED BY HIS DOG-FEARING INSTINCTS, STREAKY LEAPS UP ONTO A TREE.

C'MON DOWN, YA COWARD!
GRRRRROWW!

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT AM I AFRAID OF? I'M THE TOUGHEST CAT IN CREATION, AIN'T I? IMAGINE ME FORGETTING THAT! NOW TO GIVE THAT BIG OAF A SURPRISE!

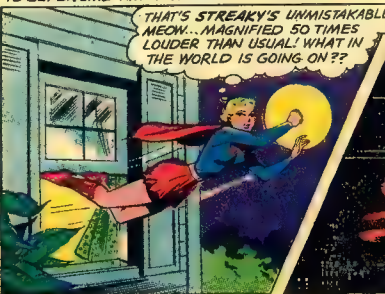


HA, HA! IT'S SIMPLE FOR A MIGHTY SUPER-CAT TO SHAKE EVERY APPLE OUT OF THIS TREE DOWN ON THAT BULLY!

TRIUMPHANTLY, THE SUPER-CAT LETS LOOSE WITH A SUPER-LOUD MEOW...



AWAKENED BY THE EAR-SPLITTING NOISE, LINDA CHANGES TO SUPERGIRL AND FLASHES INTO ACTION...

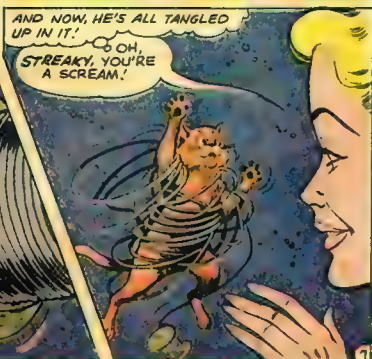
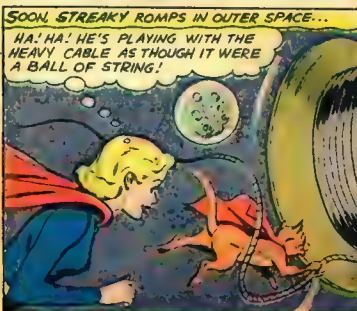
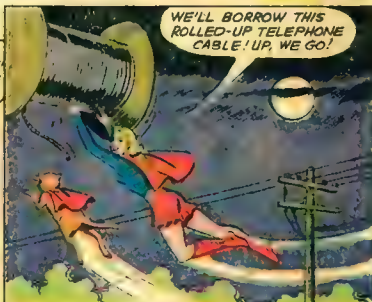


THAT'S STREAKY'S UNMISTAKABLE MEOW... MAGNIFIED 50 TIMES LOUDER THAN USUAL! WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON??

ON WHIZZES STREAKY, TOWARD GREATER ADVENTURES...

PILOT TO GROUND!
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING MISSILE JUST WHIZZED PAST! GULP! I C-CAN SWEAR IT'S... A CAT!



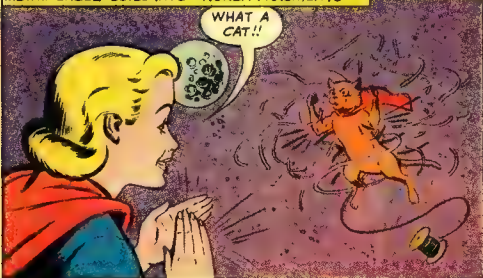




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A MIGHTY SURGE OF HIS SUPER-MUSCLES, AND STREAKY BURSTS THE METAL CABLE COILS INTO BROKEN FRAGMENTS



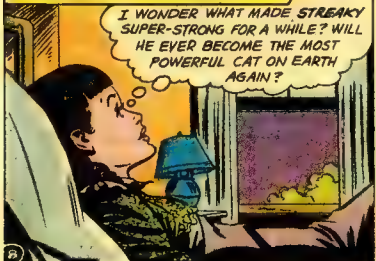
SUDDENLY, AS THEY FLY EARTHWARD, DISASTER STRIKES!



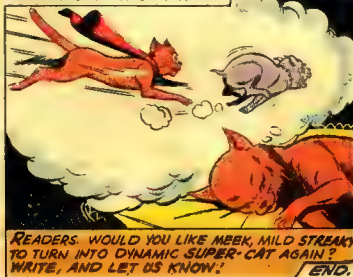
HE'S HIS MEEK, MILD OLD SELF AGAIN! SOMEHOW, HE'S LOST HIS SUPER-POWERS! HE IS AN ORDINARY CAT, AGAIN!



REVERTING TO HER OTHER IDENTITY, LINDA IS VERY PUZZLED, SINCE SHE IS UNAWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF X-KRYPTONITE AND THAT ITS AMAZING EFFECT ON STREAKY IS ONLY TEMPORARY...



AS FOR STREAKY, HE DREAMS OF THE GLORY THAT WILL BE HIS IF HE EVER BECOMES SUPER-CAT ONCE MORE...



END.

KIDS! BE THE FIRST TO SEND FOR THIS...

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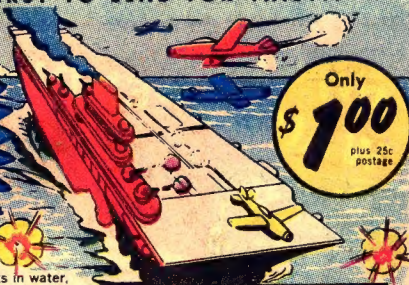
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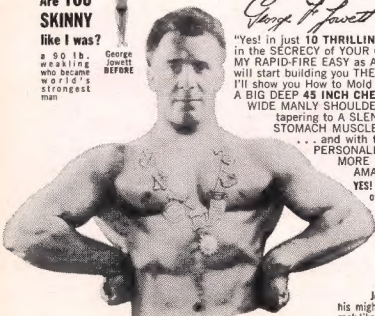
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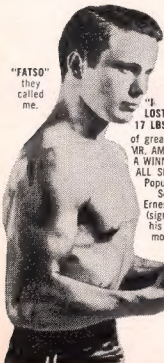
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